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In response to the official action mailed on January 7, 2008, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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